

**AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION**

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-- Cross Reference To Related Applications

This application is a National Phase Application of PCT/IL99/00096, International Filing date February 16, 1999, which claims the priority of Israeli Application IL 123429, filed February 24, 1998.

Background Of The Invention --

Please add the following after page 5, line 18,

-- Brief Description of the Drawings

Figure 1: Structure of the RY region

Figure 2: RP-HPCL of the purified RY peptide

Figure 3: MS-(FAB) of the purified RY peptide

Figure 4: In vitro assay system for the Bcl-2 family of proteins

Figure 5: RY peptide protects HeLa cells against dopamine toxicity

Figure 6: RY peptide increases cell survival rate and inhibits Bax-induced cell death

Figure 7: RY peptide inhibits cell-killing effect of the Bax on embryonic kidney 293T cells

Figure 8A: Plasmid encoded RY peptide protects against hydrogen peroxide toxicity

Figure 8B: Synthetic RY peptide protects against hydrogen peroxide toxicity.

Detailed Embodiments of the Invention --